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48. The structure of claim ~~48~~¹³¹¹ wherein said supporting matrix comprises a continuous webbing positioned between the blocks of said upper and lower courses.

49. A structure ~~comprising~~^{comprising} the blocks of claim 43.

Remarks

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the Examiner's Action mailed January 23, 1995. Applicants have cancelled 1-15, and 21-34 and added new claims 35-49 support for which may be found in the claims as initially filed.

Claim 21 was the subject of a restriction requirement and has been cancelled and refiled in an appropriately filed Divisional application. The claims which remain pending in this case are claims 55-81.

In the parent application, the Examiner has apparently objected to the specification and rejected claims 22, 28, and 31 under 35 USC §112 first paragraph. Applicant traverses this objection and rejection to the extent that they are maintained.

Further, the Examiner had also apparently rejected claim 21 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Forsberg '876. Applicant traverses this rejection to the extent that it is maintained.

Favorable reconsideration of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

Discussion of the Rejections

Applicant has traversed the Examiner's objection to the specification and rejection of claims 22, 28, and 31 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. Applicant has now amended the specification at page 11, line 26 to include the recitation that the block of the invention may comprise 1, or 2 protrusions. Support for this amendment can be found in the parent application as claim 6 as originally filed as well as the specification of the parent case, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/957,598, filed October 6, 1992.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant has also traversed the Examiner's rejection of claim 21 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Forsberg '876. Applicant has cancelled claim 21 with reserve to refile this claim in an appropriately filed Divisional application. At the time that this claim is refiled, with any dependent claims, Applicant will distinguish the claimed method from those disclosed in the cited prior art reference.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of all claims pending herein.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

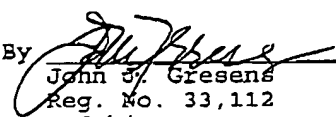
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